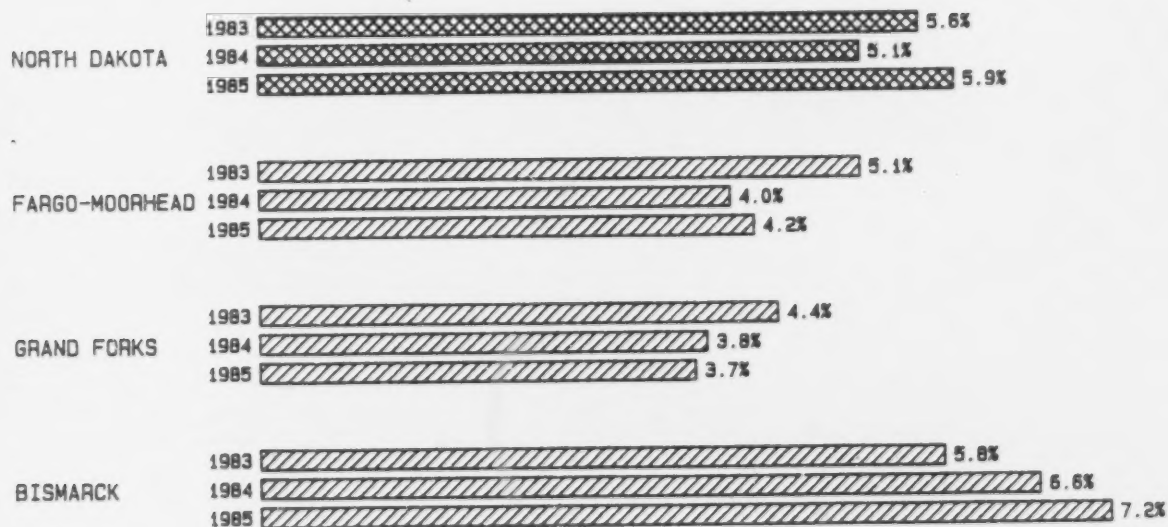


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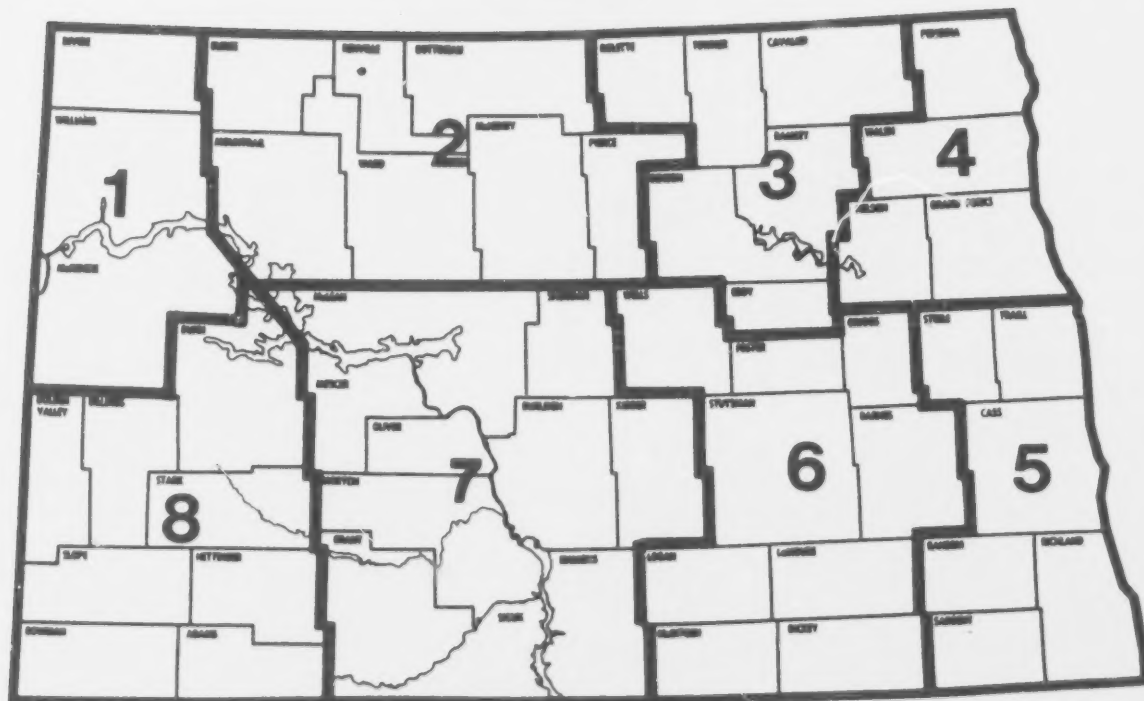
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NORTH DAKOTA - 1984 VERSUS 1985

The article in the February Labor Market Advisor discussed "Benchmarks." With the procedure now completed for another year, it is interesting to go back and review data for 1985. How did it compare with 1984? What changes occurred and how did the various industries fare? What happened in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)? Was their experience similar to the state or do the figures reflect underlying local conditions?

NORTH DAKOTA. The labor force increased by 2.5 percent, but the annual average unemployment rate jumped from 5.1 percent in 1984 to 5.9 percent in 1985. A review of the change in employment by industry from 1984 to 1985 confirms what the news media has been conveying all year. With the completion of the coal gasification plant in Mercer County, employment in the construction industry dropped by nearly 2,000. Mining averaged 600 fewer workers as the price of oil continued to decline. This drop, coupled with a sagging farm economy, is reflected by a decrease of over 600 in wholesale trade. Only retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate, services, and government reflect over-the-year gains and they totaled only a little over 2,000.

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA. The labor force increased by 3 percent and the unemployment rate edged up from 4 percent in 1984 to 4.2 percent in 1985. Nonfarm employment increased by 1,120. Although the growth is small, it still reflects a move in the right direction. Only construction and manufacturing registered decreases. The drop in manufacturing was the result of the poor farm economy. The balance of the industries showed some growth, although it has to be considered minor. Retail trade combined with services accounted for three out of every four new jobs in 1985.

GRAND FORKS MSA. This area conveys a picture of a stronger economy than either the state or the Fargo-Moorhead MSA. The labor force grew by over 5 percent, and the unemployment rate dropped from 3.8 percent in 1984 to 3.7 percent in 1985. A review of the nonag wage and salary segment shows growth in all industries with the exception of transportation, communications, and utilities. Many times, one or two industries account for most of the growth such as retail trade and services in Fargo-Moorhead. In Grand Forks, five of the eight industries indicated gains from 130 to 200.

BISMARCK MSA. The only MSA in the western part of the state did not fare as well as the two on the eastern border. The labor force edged up by 2.8 percent while the unemployment rate jumped from an average of 6.6 percent in 1984 to 7.2 percent in 1985. These rates are well above the respective statewide rates of 5.1 percent and 5.9 percent. The pattern of change in nonagricultural wage and salary employment is similar to that displayed by the state. Construction dropped by 200, manufacturing by 20, and wholesale trade by 110. The drop in construction reflects the decline in this activity in the Mercer County area. A decline in mining activity in the western part of the state, coupled with the depressed agricultural economy, caused wholesale trade employment to fall.

Based on labor force and employment figures, 1985 could not be classified as a great year for North Dakota. The western part of the state has been hit harder due to the completion of major construction projects and the declining oil industry. The east, which did not share in the "boom" during the years when the coal gasification plant was under construction and oil exploration and mining was at its peak, did not suffer the adverse effect currently prevalent in the western part of the state.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
TOTAL	243,690	243,740	244,640	0.0	-0.4
MINING	5,760	6,260	6,730	-8.0	-14.4
Coal	1,250	1,270	1,390	-1.6	-10.1
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,310	4,800	5,110	-10.2	-15.7
Other Mining	200	190	230	5.3	-13.0
CONSTRUCTION	7,410	7,820	8,590	-5.2	-13.7
Building Construction	2,330	2,570	2,440	-9.3	-4.5
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,190	1,180	1,810	0.8	-34.3
Special Trade Construction	3,890	4,070	4,340	-4.4	-10.4
MANUFACTURING	15,230	15,100	15,370	0.9	-0.9
Durable Goods	5,870	5,850	6,080	0.3	-3.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass	490	510	440	-3.9	11.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	600	620	660	-3.2	-9.1
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,690	3,640	4,000	1.4	-7.7
Other Durable Goods	1,090	1,080	980	0.9	11.2
Nondurable Goods	9,360	9,250	9,290	1.2	0.8
Food & Kindred Products	4,840	4,760	4,800	1.7	0.8
Dairy Products	860	860	900	0.0	-4.4
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,910	1,810	1,860	5.5	2.7
Bakery Products	440	440	430	0.0	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,630	1,650	1,610	-1.2	1.2
Printing & Publishing	2,460	2,470	2,420	-0.4	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,060	2,020	2,070	2.0	-0.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,700	15,800	16,290	-0.6	-3.6
Transportation	7,420	7,490	7,720	-0.9	-3.9
Trucking & Warehousing	3,960	4,020	4,100	-1.5	-3.4
Other Transportation	3,460	3,470	3,620	-0.3	-4.4
Communications	3,360	3,380	3,380	-0.6	-0.6
Public Utilities	4,920	4,930	5,190	-0.2	-5.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	18,940	19,020	19,520	-0.4	-3.0
Durable Goods	9,270	9,290	9,650	-0.2	-3.9
Nondurable Goods	9,670	9,730	9,870	-0.6	-2.0
RETAIL TRADE	46,070	46,520	45,530	-1.0	1.2
General Merchandise	5,840	6,110	5,820	-4.4	0.3
Food Stores	6,450	6,470	6,200	-0.3	4.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,660	6,680	6,680	-0.3	-0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,860	2,740	-3.5	0.7
Other Retail	24,360	24,400	24,090	-0.2	1.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,330	12,350	12,230	-0.2	0.8
Finance	6,810	6,850	6,770	-0.6	0.6
Banking	4,290	4,340	4,300	-1.2	-0.2
Other Finance	2,520	2,510	2,470	0.4	2.0
Insurance	3,750	3,740	3,700	0.3	1.4
Real Estate	1,770	1,760	1,760	0.6	0.6
SERVICES	57,840	57,780	56,670	0.1	2.1
Lodging	4,190	4,170	4,200	0.5	-0.2
Nursing & Personal Care	6,190	6,190	6,140	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	12,270	12,290	12,440	-0.2	-1.4
Other Medical	6,360	6,390	6,120	-0.5	3.9
Other Services	28,830	28,740	27,770	0.3	3.8
GOVERNMENT	64,410	63,090	63,710	2.1	1.1
Federal	9,510	9,490	9,180	0.2	3.6
State Government	19,600	18,790	19,590	4.3	0.1
Educational Services	12,960	12,170	12,810	6.5	1.2
Other State Government	6,640	6,620	6,780	0.3	-2.1
Local Government	35,300	34,810	34,940	1.4	1.0
Educational Services	18,140	17,640	17,790	2.8	2.0
Other Local Government	17,160	17,170	17,150	-0.1	0.1

**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

TOTAL	66,740	66,880	65,210	-0.2	2.3
Mining & Construction	2,260	2,380	2,360	-5.0	-4.2
Manufacturing	4,660	4,650	4,810	0.2	-3.1
Durable Goods	1,830	1,810	1,960	1.1	-6.6
Nondurable Goods	2,830	2,840	2,850	-0.4	-0.7
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,950	3,940	3,990	0.3	-1.0
Trade	19,880	20,090	19,200	-1.0	3.5
Wholesale Trade	6,560	6,570	6,480	-0.2	1.2
Retail Trade	13,320	13,520	12,720	-1.5	4.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,290	4,260	4,160	0.7	3.1
Services	17,720	17,750	16,860	-0.2	5.1
Government	13,980	13,810	13,830	1.2	1.1
Federal	2,120	2,120	2,000	0.0	6.0
State & Local	11,860	11,690	11,830	1.5	0.3

GRAND FORKS MSA

TOTAL	28,290	27,410	27,430	3.2	3.1
Mining & Construction	1,160	1,190	910	-2.5	27.5
Manufacturing	1,590	1,470	1,310	8.2	21.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,410	1,440	-0.7	-2.8
Trade	7,900	7,930	7,920	-0.4	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,360	1,380	0.0	-1.4
Retail Trade	6,540	6,570	6,540	-0.5	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,060	1,060	1,050	0.0	1.0
Services	6,100	6,010	5,910	1.5	3.2
Government	9,080	8,340	8,890	8.9	2.1

BISMARCK MSA

TOTAL	34,980	35,020	34,800	-0.1	0.5
Mining	190	190	200	0.0	-5.0
Construction	1,060	1,090	1,100	-2.8	-3.6
Manufacturing	1,870	1,880	1,840	-0.5	1.6
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,710	2,720	2,840	-0.4	-4.6
Trade	9,330	9,470	9,090	-1.5	2.6
Wholesale	2,300	2,310	2,400	-0.4	-4.2
Retail	7,030	7,160	6,690	-1.8	5.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,690	1,670	0.6	1.8
Services	10,060	10,040	9,880	0.2	1.8
Government	8,060	7,940	8,180	1.5	-1.5

**U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Feb. 1986	Previous Month Jan. 1986	One Year Ago Feb. 1985	Percent	
					Change Jan. 1986	From Feb. 1985
All Items	322.2	327.5	328.4	317.4	-0.3	3.2
Food & Beverage	302.0	307.7	307.9	301.4	-0.1	2.1
Housing	349.9	356.5	356.8	343.3	-0.1	3.8
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	204.1	205.0	201.8	-0.4	1.1
Transportation	319.9	319.2	323.9	314.3	-1.5	1.6
Medical Care	403.1	422.3	418.2	393.8	1.0	7.2
Entertainment	265.0	272.0	270.8	261.3	0.4	4.1

**PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE**

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Feb. 1986	Previous Month Jan. 1986	One Year Ago Feb. 1985	Percent	
					Change Jan. 1986	From Feb. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	304.7	309.0	309.1	-1.4	-1.4
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	247.9	250.9	258.0	-1.2	-3.9
Industrial Commodities	323.9	319.4	324.0	322.2	-1.4	-0.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	389.14	393.98	374.37	40.2	40.7	39.7	9.68	9.68	9.43
Durable Goods	421.48	425.18	403.60	41.0	41.4	40.4	10.28	10.27	9.99
Nondurable Goods	346.14	350.15	333.68	39.2	39.7	38.8	8.83	8.82	8.60
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	308.13	314.24	304.80	37.9	38.7	38.1	8.13	8.12	8.00
Durable Goods	336.02	330.58	340.75	39.3	38.8	39.9	8.55	8.52	8.54
Nondurable Goods	293.14	304.55	283.44	37.2	38.6	37.1	7.88	7.89	7.64
Food & Kindred	301.78	322.80	301.47	38.2	40.3	38.7	7.90	8.01	7.79
Printing & Publishing	274.46	267.15	262.35	32.1	32.5	33.0	8.55	8.22	7.95
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	318.97	328.71	305.80	38.2	38.9	37.8	8.35	8.45	8.09
Durable Goods	322.92	310.88	306.85	39.0	37.5	38.5	8.28	8.29	7.97
Nondurable Goods	316.68	338.18	306.00	37.7	39.6	37.5	8.40	8.54	8.16

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Barnes	5,729	5,501	5,754	5,236	5,012	5,178	493	489	576	8.6	8.9	10.0
Dickey	3,006	2,945	3,007	2,850	2,767	2,830	156	178	177	5.2	6.0	5.9
Foster	2,057	1,987	2,097	1,888	1,840	1,934	169	147	163	8.2	7.4	7.8
Griggs	1,404	1,360	1,409	1,290	1,244	1,292	114	116	117	8.1	8.5	8.3
La Moure	2,240	2,149	2,338	2,083	2,004	2,145	157	145	193	7.0	6.7	8.3
Logan	1,361	1,313	1,339	1,257	1,220	1,244	104	93	95	7.6	7.1	7.1
McIntosh	2,098	2,033	2,100	2,011	1,924	2,012	87	109	88	4.1	5.4	4.2
Stutsman	12,174	11,961	11,895	11,232	10,965	10,960	942	996	935	7.7	8.3	7.9
Wells	2,745	2,667	2,832	2,464	2,394	2,503	281	273	329	10.2	10.2	11.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	32,814	31,916	32,771	30,311	29,370	30,098	2,503	2,546	2,673	7.6	8.0	8.2
Burleigh	30,319	29,882	29,504	27,640	27,189	27,183	2,679	2,693	2,321	8.8	9.0	7.9
Emmons	2,100	2,022	2,093	1,902	1,838	1,862	198	184	231	9.4	9.1	11.0
Grant	1,785	1,653	1,729	1,635	1,531	1,635	150	122	94	8.4	7.4	5.4
Kidder	1,490	1,400	1,475	1,282	1,216	1,271	208	184	204	14.0	13.1	13.8
McLean	4,608	4,477	4,681	4,002	3,891	4,102	606	586	579	13.2	13.1	12.4
Mercer	6,445	6,249	7,313	5,615	5,420	6,570	830	829	743	12.9	13.3	10.2
Morton	13,780	13,568	13,468	12,419	12,217	12,214	1,361	1,351	1,254	9.9	10.0	9.3
Oliver	1,124	1,095	946	1,018	984	848	106	111	98	9.4	10.1	10.4
Sheridan	1,080	994	1,030	972	908	928	108	86	102	10.0	8.7	9.9
Sioux	1,226	1,199	1,258	1,141	1,116	1,145	85	83	113	6.9	6.9	9.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	63,957	62,539	63,497	57,626	56,310	57,758	6,331	6,229	5,739	9.9	10.0	9.0
Adams	1,656	1,608	1,652	1,588	1,550	1,594	68	58	58	4.1	3.6	3.5
Billings	706	692	665	674	670	636	32	22	29	4.5	3.2	4.4
Bowman	2,069	1,962	2,080	1,911	1,861	1,964	158	101	116	7.6	5.1	5.6
Dunn	1,801	1,734	1,836	1,597	1,566	1,594	204	168	242	11.3	9.7	13.2
Golden Valley	1,024	1,027	1,007	931	924	936	93	103	71	9.1	10.0	7.1
Hettinger	1,837	1,741	1,808	1,679	1,604	1,682	158	137	126	8.6	7.9	7.0
Slope	436	372	453	369	337	406	67	35	47	15.4	9.4	10.4
Stark	12,291	11,887	12,367	10,929	10,773	11,180	1,362	1,114	1,187	11.1	9.4	9.6
REGION 8 TOTAL	21,820	21,023	21,868	19,678	19,285	19,992	2,142	1,738	1,876	9.8	8.3	8.6
STATE TOTAL	318,988	311,000	313,331	293,827	286,525	290,144	25,161	24,475	23,187	7.9	7.9	7.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Divide	1,341	1,366	1,372	1,258	1,257	1,301	83	109	71	6.2	8.0	5.2
McKenzie	3,457	3,414	3,540	3,178	3,138	3,324	279	276	216	8.1	8.1	6.1
Williams	13,261	12,961	13,663	11,904	11,772	12,751	1,357	1,189	912	10.2	9.2	6.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	18,059	17,741	18,575	16,340	16,167	17,376	1,719	1,574	1,199	9.5	8.9	6.5
Bottineau	3,443	3,382	3,545	3,123	3,046	3,219	320	336	326	9.3	9.9	9.2
Burke	1,442	1,368	1,445	1,316	1,244	1,347	126	124	98	8.7	9.1	6.8
McHenry	2,815	2,672	2,814	2,246	2,148	2,268	569	524	546	20.2	19.6	19.4
Mountrail	3,108	3,053	3,022	2,774	2,733	2,740	334	320	282	10.7	10.5	9.3
Pierce	2,458	2,374	2,496	2,292	2,212	2,314	166	162	182	6.8	6.8	7.3
Renville	1,252	1,207	1,238	1,142	1,101	1,142	110	106	96	8.8	8.8	7.8
Ward	24,976	24,748	24,583	22,850	22,572	22,506	2,126	2,176	2,077	8.5	8.8	8.4
REGION 2 TOTAL	39,494	38,804	39,143	35,743	35,056	35,536	3,751	3,748	3,607	9.5	9.7	9.2
Benson	3,092	2,961	3,114	2,778	2,661	2,745	314	300	369	10.2	10.1	11.8
Cavalier	2,438	2,339	2,504	2,224	2,155	2,267	214	184	237	8.8	7.9	9.5
Eddy	1,423	1,376	1,498	1,215	1,165	1,268	208	211	230	14.6	15.3	15.4
Ramsey	6,248	6,161	6,129	5,770	5,654	5,616	478	507	513	7.7	8.2	8.4
Rolette	5,263	5,092	4,991	4,546	4,405	4,186	717	687	805	13.6	13.5	16.1
Towner	1,721	1,619	1,675	1,605	1,508	1,562	116	111	113	6.7	6.9	6.7
REGION 3 TOTAL	20,185	19,548	19,911	18,138	17,548	17,644	2,047	2,000	2,267	10.1	10.2	11.4
Grand Forks	34,775	33,295	33,039	33,287	31,809	31,598	1,488	1,486	1,441	4.3	4.5	4.4
Nelson	1,975	1,926	1,970	1,733	1,706	1,736	242	220	234	12.3	11.4	11.9
Pembina	5,402	5,185	4,960	4,812	4,592	4,504	590	593	456	10.9	11.4	9.2
Walsh	7,495	7,294	7,327	6,988	6,779	6,814	507	515	513	6.8	7.1	7.0
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,647	47,700	47,296	46,820	44,886	44,652	2,827	2,814	2,644	5.7	5.9	5.6
Cass	54,725	54,051	52,218	52,068	51,314	50,008	2,657	2,737	2,210	4.9	5.1	4.2
Ransom	2,567	2,543	2,483	2,453	2,415	2,350	114	128	133	4.4	5.0	5.4
Richland	7,855	7,808	7,988	7,356	7,203	7,504	499	605	484	6.4	7.7	6.1
Sargent	2,355	2,259	2,300	2,196	2,129	2,175	159	130	125	6.8	5.8	5.4
Steele	1,072	1,018	1,094	994	938	1,025	78	80	69	7.3	7.9	6.3
Traill	4,438	4,050	4,187	4,104	3,904	4,026	334	146	161	7.5	3.6	3.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	73,012	71,729	70,270	69,171	67,903	67,088	3,841	3,826	3,182	5.3	5.3	4.5

**LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S**

	Current Month Feb. 1986	Previous Month Jan. 1986	One Year Ago Feb. 1985	Percent Change From	
				Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,779	118,477	116,685	0.3	1.8
Employment	110,252	110,646	108,290	-0.4	1.8
Unemployment	8,527	7,831	8,395	8.9	1.6
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	6.6%	7.2%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	318,990	311,010	313,330	2.6	1.8
Employment	293,830	286,530	290,140	2.5	1.3
Unemployment	25,160	24,480	23,190	2.8	8.5
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.9%	7.4%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,960	81,160	78,440	1.0	4.5
Employment	77,300	76,420	74,450	1.2	3.8
Unemployment	4,660	4,740	3,990	-1.7	16.8
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	5.1%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,780	33,300	33,040	4.4	5.3
Employment	33,290	31,810	31,600	4.7	5.3
Unemployment	1,490	1,490	1,440	-0-	3.5
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,100	43,450	42,980	1.5	2.6
Employment	40,060	39,410	39,400	1.6	1.7
Unemployment	4,040	4,040	3,580	-0-	12.8
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.3%	8.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

**BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JANUARY 1986
(In Thousands)**

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	311.0	327.1	2,208.4	384.1
Employment	286.5	308.9	2,038.3	347.6
Unemployment	24.5	18.2	170.1	36.5
Unemployment Rate	7.9	5.6	7.7	9.5

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ANNUAL AVERAGES
NORTH DAKOTA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL	251,190	WHOLESALE TRADE	19,870
		Durable Goods	9,780
		Nondurable Goods	10,090
MINING	6,870		
Coal	1,370		
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,120	RETAIL TRADE	47,610
Other Mining	380	General Merchandise	5,990
		Food Stores	6,490
		Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6,780
		Apparel and Accessory Stores	2,820
		Other Retail	25,530
CONSTRUCTION	11,710		
Building Construction	3,200		
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,300		
Special Trade Construction	5,210		
		FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12,450
		Finance	6,820
		Banking	4,330
		Other Finance	2,490
MANUFACTURING	15,430	Insurance	3,750
Durable Goods	6,360	Real Estate	1,880
Stone, Clay, & Glass	790		
Primary & Fabricated Metals	660		
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,900		
Other Durable Goods	1,010		
Nondurable Goods	9,070	SERVICES	57,820
Food & Kindred Products	4,550	Lodging	4,320
Dairy Products	920	Nursing and Personal Care	6,230
Food Specialties &		Hospitals	12,410
Confectionery Products	1,610	Other Medical	6,250
Bakery Products	440	Other Services	28,610
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,580		
Printing & Publishing	2,420		
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100		
		GOVERNMENT	63,060
		Federal	9,430
		State Government	18,990
		Educational Service	12,010
		Other State Government	6,980
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	16,370	Local Government	34,640
Transportation	7,760	Educational Service	16,630
Trucking & Warehousing	4,200	Other Local Government	18,010
Other Transportation	3,560		
Communications	3,450		
Public Utilities	5,160		

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LABOR FORCE

	NORTH DAKOTA	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Labor Force	336,000	80,860	34,400	45,070
Employment	316,000	77,470	33,110	41,840
Unemployment	20,000	3,390	1,290	3,230
Unemployment Rate	5.9	4.2	3.7	7.2

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
NORTH DAKOTA MSA'S

	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS- MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Nonagricultural			
Wage and Salary Employment	66,400	27,990	35,870
Mining and Construction	3,210	1,430	-0-
Mining	-0-	-0-	210
Construction	-0-	-0-	1,590
Manufacturing	4,780	1,390	1,960
Durable Goods	1,970	-0-	-0-
Nondurable Goods	2,810	-0-	-0-
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	3,960	1,460	2,880
Trade	20,020	8,070	9,610
Wholesale Trade	6,660	1,400	2,410
Retail Trade	13,360	6,670	7,200
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4,240	1,070	1,690
Services	17,130	6,030	9,870
Government	13,060	8,540	8,060
Federal	2,060	-0-	-0-
State & Local	11,000	-0-	-0-

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
NORTH DAKOTA			
Manufacturing	311.12	38.6	8.06
Durable Goods	336.71	39.8	8.46
Nondurable Goods	293.71	37.8	7.77
Food and Kindred Products	316.36	40.3	7.85
Printing and Publishing	269.94	32.8	8.23
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Manufacturing	316.54	38.0	8.33
Durable Goods	315.59	38.3	8.24
Nondurable Goods	317.52	37.8	8.40

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1985 Annual Averages

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Rate
1. Divide	1,648	1,587	61	3.7
McKenzie	3,861	3,683	178	4.6
Williams	14,373	13,420	953	6.6
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,882	18,690	1,192	6.0
2. Bottineau	3,999	3,718	281	7.0
Burke	1,614	1,510	104	6.4
McHenry	3,113	2,708	405	13.0
Mountrail	3,376	3,111	265	7.8
Pierce	2,731	2,585	146	5.3
Renville	1,450	1,360	90	6.2
Ward	25,870	24,104	1,766	6.8
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,153	39,096	3,057	7.3
3. Benson	3,401	3,099	302	8.9
Cavalier	2,906	2,719	187	6.4
Eddy	1,596	1,443	153	9.6
Ramsey	6,543	6,149	394	6.0
Rolette	5,243	4,571	672	12.8
Towner	1,887	1,807	80	4.2
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,576	19,788	1,788	8.3
4. Grand Forks	34,399	33,113	1,286	3.7
Nelson	2,227	2,069	158	7.1
Pembina	5,519	5,108	411	7.4
Walsh	8,159	7,706	453	5.6
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,304	47,996	2,308	4.6
5. Cass	54,294	52,316	1,978	3.6
Ransom	2,796	2,681	115	4.1
Richland	8,623	8,096	527	6.1
Sargent	2,669	2,548	121	4.5
Steele	1,338	1,279	59	4.4
Traill	4,569	4,365	204	4.5
REGION 5 TOTAL	74,289	71,285	3,004	4.0

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1985 Annual Averages

		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number Rate	
6.	Barnes	6,242	5,858	384	6.2
	Dickey	3,479	3,343	136	3.9
	Foster	2,315	2,200	115	5.0
	Griggs	1,620	1,535	85	5.2
	La Moure	2,672	2,544	128	4.8
	Logan	1,576	1,499	77	4.9
	McIntosh	2,403	2,331	72	3.0
	Stutsman	12,706	12,005	701	5.5
	Wells	3,164	2,935	229	7.2
	REGION 6 TOTAL	36,177	34,250	1,927	5.3
7.	Burleigh	31,006	28,870	2,136	6.9
	Emmons	2,467	2,301	166	6.7
	Grant	2,165	2,049	116	5.4
	Kidder	1,690	1,543	147	8.7
	McLean	5,075	4,590	485	9.6
	Mercer	7,192	6,487	705	9.8
	Morton	14,063	12,972	1,091	7.8
	Oliver	1,138	1,039	99	8.7
	Sheridan	1,290	1,226	64	5.0
	Sioux	1,328	1,201	127	9.6
	REGION 7 TOTAL	67,414	62,278	5,136	7.6
8.	Adams	1,848	1,796	52	2.8
	Billings	863	838	25	2.9
	Bowman	2,406	2,295	111	4.6
	Dunn	2,166	1,982	184	8.5
	Golden Valley	1,177	1,106	71	6.0
	Hettinger	2,139	2,039	100	4.7
	Slope	568	526	42	7.4
	Stark	13,042	12,035	1,007	7.7
	REGION 8 TOTAL	24,209	22,617	1,592	6.6
	STATE TOTAL	336,000	316,000	20,000	5.9

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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